FISCAL NOTE

HB 2905 - SB 2925

February 26, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective September 1, 2008, requires a court reporter in a case involving child custody and visitation to file an attestation of charges with the court clerk. Requires court clerk to transmit a copy of the attestation to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Requires AOC to report to the House Children and Family Affairs Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee by February 15 of each year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$80,300

Increase Local Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the AOC, there were 20,284 cases in FY05-06 and 19,406 cases in FY06-07 involving child support and visitation issues. Based on the number of cases, AOC would require two new positions in order to collect, compile and prepare the required report. Recurring expenditures of \$80,332 include salaries of \$56,000 (\$28,000 x 2) plus benefits of \$24,332 (\$12,166 x 2).
- Any additional cost can be accommodated within existing local government resources without additional personnel costs.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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